**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know the ground for discrimination underlying such a case of not taking action under the Newspapers Regulation ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The particular newspaper published an unqualified apology.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): Is it the principle, if an offending paper publishes an apology, that action will not be taken against it by the Government ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is a matter for Government to decide on the merits whether an apology is enough or not.

*The Pambayar Valley.*

274. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the regions in and about the Pambayar valley were explored and surveyed by a British survey party in 1915-1916 ; and

(*b*) whether maps of the above valleys prepared in a methodical manner with up-to-date details have not been available for these several years ?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The regions in and about the Pambayar Valley were topographically surveyed by the Survey of India Party in the years 1910 to 1917.

(*b*) Topographical maps on the scale of 1 inch to a mile have been published by the Survey of India Department. They show only the principal topographical details such as rivers, lakes, roads, town sites, heights of peaks and approximate contour lines of the country.

*Public Works in Nagercoil after the Constitution of the New Municipal Council.*

275. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Torala*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total amount spent up to the 23rd Minam 1102, on public works from the beginning of the new Municipal Council ;

(*b*) whether all these works were supervised by any technically qualified man ;

(*c*) why a supervisor has not yet been appointed in accordance with the answer given by the Government in the Legislative Council during the last Budget Session that one would be appointed early in 1102 ; and

(*d*) whether any public works were done in muster roll though the Council had accepted tenders therefor, and, if so, the number of such items with their respective expenditure ?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Rs. 6,948, up to the 23rd Minam 1102.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The post of Supervisor has been abolished and that of a Public Works Inspector on Rs. 30 has been sanctioned in its stead. The President reports that the nomination will be made shortly.

(*d*) No.

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MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know who that technically qualified man at present is?

MR. T.P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Sanitary Inspector, who is qualified in Sanitary Engineering.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Was not this Sanitary Inspector employed in the Municipality even at the time when a professional Supervisor was employed there?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): He might have been there.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know why the post of Supervisor was abolished?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Because the Council found it to be too costly.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know why the appointment of a Public Works Inspector has been put off till now?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It has not been put off. The Municipal Council is going to make the appointment very soon.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is the member aware that Government gave an answer to my question during the Budget Session that the Public Works Inspector would be shortly appointed?

MR. T.P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer given was that the appointment would be made early in 1102, if I remember correct.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I put the question whether it is not yet early in 1102?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The matter was under correspondence between the Municipal Council and the Government and now comes the time for nomination.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the Government have any idea as to the amount of expenditure on public works after the post of Supervisor was abolished?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is given in the answer.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): After the post was abolished?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I do not know, but the expenditure is given till the 23rd Minam 1102.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): In the nature of the answer given by the Government, at the Budget Session, could not have the post of the Supervisor been abolished even long before 1102?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The man was there. But the Municipality found later on that he was too costly and so recommended the abolition of the place and creation of a Public

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Works Inspector on a smaller pay instead and that has been sanctioned by the Government. Whether the Council could have got on without a P. W. D. Supervisor is another matter.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Do not the Government see that it is inadvisable to carry on public works without a responsible Supervisor?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): For the Public Works Inspector's place, the Council proposes to appoint a qualified man.

**MR. M SIVATAHU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to call upon the President to expedite the matter?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

*Correspondence in Sub-Registrars' Offices.*

276. **MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMPUTIRI** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of any instructions having been issued to the effect that in all Sub-Registrars' offices all correspondence, excepting documents, should be in English?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

**MR. C.N. TUPPAN NAMPUTIRI** (*Jenmies*): ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് രജിസ്ട്രാർമാക്കും ഇങ്ങിനെ ഉത്തരവായച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് രജിസ്ട്രാർമാക്ക് അയച്ചതായി അറിവില്ല. ആട്ടും അതു ചോദിച്ചില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ട് അതിന്റെ ഉത്തരം വരുത്തിയിട്ടില്ല.

**MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMPUTIRI** (*Jenmies*): രജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിൽ നിന്നും ഡയറക്ടർ ഇങ്ങിനെ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഉത്തരവു ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് രജിസ്ട്രാക്ക് അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ഇല്ലെന്നാണ് രജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ ഡയറക്ടരുടെ എഴുത്തിൽ നിന്നും മനസ്സിലാകുന്നത്.

*Appointments made by Mr. O. M. Cheriyan.*

277. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have scrutinised the appointments made by Mr. O. M. Cheriyan since Minam 1101;

(*b*) whether they have received any complaints regarding the appointments made by Mr. O. M. Cheriyan; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether they have instituted any enquiry into the matter?

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